

DURHAM COUNTY JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

June 23, 2010 ...

Note Taker: Celia Jefferson

Members Present

Angela Nunn
Johnny W. Foster
Donald W. Pinchback
Tim Burris
Nathan B. Curry
Fungai Bennett
Nancy Kent
Gayle Harris
Delphine Sellars
Brenda Howerton
David W. Addison
Cindy C Porterfield
Herman Scott
Pauletta Brown Bracy
Karen K. Thompson

Excused Absences

Rhonda Parker
Anna L. Mosley
Gerri Robinson

Absent

Keith Howard
Arnold Dennis
Julie Linehan
William Marsh

Others Present

Cindy C. Porterfield

Angela Nunn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and opened with welcoming everyone and asking all to introduce themselves and share community concerns and announcements.

Community Concerns and Announcements

Delphine shared information regarding a new program unit CAPS under Durham County Cooperative Extension. Community, Academic and Personal Success (CAPS) is a dropout prevention and school reentry initiative. CAPS in conjunction with the community, local non-profit organizations and affiliates, offers a wide array of free programs to address the needs of middle and high school students. A holistic program, CAPS addresses the “whole child and family” in order to increase the student’s chance of success. CAPS are designated to meet the needs of students who attend Carrington Middle, Neal Middle, Hillside High and Southern High Schools; CAPS service is available to all students enrolled in the Durham Public School System who meet any of the following criteria:

- Previously retained in any grade
- Scoring below grade level on the NC End-Of-Grade tests
- Received suspensions
- Absent 10 or more days from school
- Dropped out of high school during the 2009-2010 school year
- Involved in the criminal justice system
- Negative family dynamics

The mission of CAPS is to provide opportunities and resources needed to ensure academic and personal success for students; thus increasing the likelihood that they will remain in (or re-enter) school.

In Home Care Service

Tonya Cousin from In Home Care Services (IHCS) presented information to the council about who they are and how the program operates. Their goal is to help consumers achieve the best quality of life possible. It is understood, one solution does not fit every situation so they take the time to listen and learn about each consumer’s needs and preferences. In Home Care Services provides one-to-one therapeutic interventions with-in the community and home, to develop interpersonal and community coping skills, including adaptation to home, school, and work environments. This structured therapeutic intervention and coping strategies are to help with management of symptoms related to a mental health diagnosis, and promote life long independence. IHCS is equipped with trained qualified professionals to help address barriers that impede the development of skills for independent functioning in the community.

Workshops/services provided:

Substance Abuse Counseling
Individual and Family counseling
Candle Light Yoga Sessions
Life Skills Building
Medication Management

Provide Assistance with:

Housing
Health and MH Issues
Self-Esteem
Social Skills
Appointments/Transportation
Parenting
Crisis Management

They are in the process of developing a program specific to delinquent and at-risk youth. This program is geared to reduce juvenile crime through intervention / prevention. The development process requires acknowledgment, possibly collaboration with the Juvenile Justice / Crime Prevention System(s) and a need for the services.

DJJDP Central Area Consultant

Cindy Porterfield informed the council all three State Budgets did not cut JCPC funds, but are still in deliberation. JCPC has proven a point that the fund base serves around 30,000 youth a year. Cindy stated that they are in the process of re-doing the client tracking application. They are putting in changes that come from the people who use the system. They are also adding a financial piece.

Cindy informed the council the Final Accounting Forms goes out mid July and will be due back to her office by mid August. She also stated that the SOS and Governor's One on One fund base has been eliminated and all their lap tops are available for JCPC program providers to use. Durham has requested a total of twelve lap tops. The programs who requested the lap tops will have to show it in the Final Accounting equipment inventory list. With regrets, Cindy informed the council that her administrative assistant, Lakisha Scott has accepted a position with the Central Office Administrator. She will be truly missed. Celia was asked to send a letter to Lakisha to let her know how helpful she has been to all of us.

Minutes

Motion: Angela motioned that minutes from April 28 be accepted as presented.

Action: Seconded and Approved.

Angela informed the council that at the April Executive Committee meeting, it was suggested that our F.Y. 2010-2011 Annual Plan be submitted to a BOCC work training session. All members are welcomed to attend. A date and time will be set and Celia will create a power point presentation.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.